

VOICES AT THE TABLE

Building unity through open dialogue

Crime, Prosecution and the Obligations of Society: What is Justice?

Join us for a behind-the-scenes look at the inner workings of the criminal legal system in Hays County, along with ideas for re-establishing our expectations for justice. Peeling back the veneer of vengeance which seems to drive the election of “tough on crime” judges, we will be looking at fixes and alternatives to the current carceral system to help make our community stronger and safer. We will be looking specifically at how our community can get involved and the development of new programs like:

- ♦ Court watching
- ♦ Re-entry and community programs
- ♦ Judge scorecards
- ♦ Conviction Integrity Units



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Cyrus Gray was a student at Texas State studying Physical Therapy when he decided to take a break and get some experience in the field. During this time he and good friend DeVonte Amerson were wrongfully arrested for the murder of a TxSt student in 2018. Cyrus spent over four years in the Hays County Jail before a mistrial and subsequent review by DA Kelly Higgins caused his charges to be dismissed. Cyrus now works for Mano Amiga in developing re-entry programs to help the formerly incarcerated and other marginalized populations. He also is working on other efforts to hold Hays County elected officials accountable and reduce crime before it happens.

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